

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hildebrand et al.

Application No.: 10/562,225

Filed: 23 December 2005

For: SOYBEAN SELECTION SYSTEM BASED ON
AEC-RESISTANCE

Confirmation No.: 9451

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: David H. Kruse

Attorney Docket # 47100-222154

Customer No.

26694

Patent Trademark Office

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 11, 2007, Applicants submit the following reply.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 44-47) for prosecution.

It is believed that this response is a complete reply to the restriction requirement and thus Applicants respectfully request that prosecution proceed. Should the Examiner have any questions which might be amenable to a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact undersigned counsel to discuss such issues.

Applicants further submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner so indicate and issue a notice of allowability and that the application be passed to issue.

If any additional fee is required in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account No. 22-0261, and notify undersigned counsel accordingly.

Dated: Jan. 11, 2008

Customer No. 26694

DC2/922892v1

Respectfully submitted,

By

Zayd Alathari

Registration No.: 42,256

Attorney for Applicant

VENABLE LLP

575 7th Street NW

Washington, DC 20004-1601

(202) 344-4000

(202) 344-8300 (Fax)